

PACIFIC STEAMERS TO THE ISTHMUS MAY BE STOPPED

Canal Officials Say Government Could Establish Paying Line.

Information has reached Washington from the Pacific coast that the Pacific Mail Steamship Company, which owns the only line of steamships between Panama, San Francisco, and South American ports, is seriously contemplating the abandonment of its lines. This would break the trans-isthmian connection between New York and San Francisco, and practically compel the immediate establishment of the Government line on the Pacific, which Secretary Taft has had under consideration for some time.

As the action of the steamship company has not been officially announced, but merely forecasted in letters to Washington, the exact reason is not known. Before Secretary Taft sailed for the Philippines he commissioned Joseph L. Bristow, formerly Fourth Assistant Postmaster General, to go to San Francisco and investigate the charges of the Panama Railroad and the Isthmian Canal Commission that the Pacific Mail Company was rendering inadequate and unsatisfactory service between Panama and San Francisco.

Investigating for Some Time.
Mr. Bristow has been conducting the investigation for some time, but it is not known here whether or not the fact that a Federal officer was looking into its record caused the Pacific Mail Company to decide on the step it is reported to be contemplating.

There is evidence on the files of the Canal Commission in support of the charge that the Pacific Mail Company has shown no desire to furnish satisfactory service, and that it has hindered the natural growth of the trans-isthmian business. It is said also that this company has been opposed to the shipping bill.

Could Build Paying Line.

The Government officials in the Canal Zone have reported to Secretary Taft that after careful investigation they are convinced that the Canal Commission could put on a line of ships, which can be built for about \$500,000, which would pay a profit of not less than 10 per cent. The profit would, according to the plan, be used for the reduction of taxes on the isthmus. It is thought, too, that a considerable business between American and South American ports could be built up.

Of course if the Pacific Mail Company suddenly abandons its line it will result in considerable embarrassment for the Government, as it will be difficult to charter vessels with which to establish a Federal line pending the time when a new fleet can be built. In the opinion of the canal officials, however, it would be better to suffer inconvenience than to tolerate the present policy of the Pacific company, which, it is said, has inferior ships and numerous breakdowns.

SMALL BOY RUN OVER.
Thomas Jamieson, five years old, of 355 Seventh street southeast, was knocked down and run over yesterday afternoon by a horse driven by Walter Scott, colored. The boy was bruised on the face and legs.

LIVELY GOSSIP FROM SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES

Florence School Reception; Miss Gielow Gives Reading



MISS DORA STRONG, Of the Introduction Committee at Washington College.

The pupils of the Florence School gave a reception last Thursday in honor of their new music teacher. The pupils recited and sang during the evening.

Mrs. Martha Gielow gave a reading to the National Cathedral School for girls last Thursday evening. Mrs. Gielow recited some negro dialect stories which she had written herself. The girls have organized sightseeing parties to view the points of interest of the city.

An evening with "Dickens Character" was given by the pupils of the Lippincott and Baker School last Friday evening. A few friends were invited. Little Sheriff Boy, the daughter of the new

Turkish minister, read an interesting paper on "Dickens as a Humorist."

An enjoyable recital was given by the pupils of the Bristol and Chevy Chase Schools last Thursday evening. Several of the pupils sang comic songs which were hugely enjoyed by the young audience.

A meeting of the Cephelaketoreon Society of Miss Sallie Lewin's School on U street, was held early in the week. Recitations and songs were features of the entertainment.

Representatives from sixteen States are attending the Hamilton Institute this year. A number of the girls attended the Saturday matinee of "Tom Jones," while others went to the performance of "The Road to Yesterday" in the evening. Other school events during the week were a visit to the Naval Observatory and by special invitation to the field day sports of a neighboring school.

The date for the French play to be given by the girls of the Madison Hall Seminary has been set for early in December, probably the first week. Among those who will take part are Miss Louise Davis, of New York; Miss Harrison, Miss Lee, and Miss Thurmond. A musical will be given by Miss Regina Winston in Thanksgiving week. The musical instructor of the school is to give a recital at the Goldsborough's studio about December 14. The school will attend the recital by Paderewski in a body.

The girls of the Martha Washington Seminary went to Mt. Vernon and Arlington one day early last week. A number of the girls attended the performance of "The Road to Yesterday" Friday morning.

The first of the series of musicals to be given by the girls of the Washington College will take place early next week. Preparations are under way for dramatics to be given about Christmas time. The basketball teams play every afternoon now and many of the pupils attend the games.

A reception was given Monday evening from 8 to 11 by the pupils and Mr. and Mrs. Memefee to 200 invited guests. This reception is given each year at this time. The large parlors were elaborately decorated with green plants and chrysanthemums. Refreshments were served by the girls.

Miss Marguerite Collins, Miss Alice Dorsey, Miss Esther Carr, Miss Sadie Serf, Miss Gladys Greenfield, and Miss Edna Guitbill assisted in receiving. The introduction committee was composed of Miss Dora Strong, Miss Estel Humbert, Miss Hazel Pulford, and Miss Rowena Frank. Miss Elsie Simmons, Miss Fern Minor, Miss Harriet Hatsett, and Miss Isa Bollinger composed the entertainment committee.

As many of the girls come from distant States and will not be able to return home for Thanksgiving, the president and Mrs. Memefee have arranged for a real old-fashioned New England Thanksgiving, with apples and nuts and turkey as features. Instead of the dinner being served in courses the turkey and good things are to load down the table in good old picnic style.

About thirty of the girls attended the performance of "Tom Jones," while twenty-five went to the Belasco Theater to see "The Road to Yesterday."

Miss Harrington entertained the local Chapter of the Sigma Kappa, at her home last Thursday evening. The junior

G. W. U. Rooters Expand Prepare Joint Debates

The Rooters' Club is growing. The membership now numbers ten men, with a limit of thirty to be attained. The purpose of the club is to attend every football game until Thanksgiving.

The Needham Debating Society on Friday evening discussed the question, "Resolved, That a system of ship subsidies should be established by the United States Government for the merchant marine." Messrs. Spinks and Nyemster argued for the affirmative, and Messrs. Sunderlin and Cutler for the negative.

The Columbian Debating Society has appointed delegates to confer with its rival, the Needham Debating Society, with regard to the approaching intersociety debates. The attendance at the Columbian Society debates at present is very gratifying.

The University Congress held an interesting session yesterday evening. The question discussed was woman suffrage, and heated arguments were advanced for and against this principle. Republicans and Democrats joined hands on both sides of the question, and party lines were forgotten. L. R. Taylor was the speaker of the session.

A daughter has been born to Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Allis. Mr. Allis is business manager of the University Hatchet, and is very popular with his fellows. The Hatchet announces that "Miss Allis will probably matriculate at George Washington about 1925."

"Steps are being taken looking toward the formation of a glee club in the University."

A meeting of the sophomore class of the college was held in Room 25, Wednesday, November 6.

Resolutions have been offered by the board of trustees in regard to the generous offer of Mrs. Gertrude M. Hubbard of one thousand dollars, which sum is to be invested and known as the Gardner G. Hubbard Memorial Prize in American History, the income to go each year to the student in undergraduate work maintaining throughout the four years the highest standing in American history.

The following officers of the senior class of the college and the Washington College of Engineering have been elected: President, William C. Van Vleet; vice president, Miss Jane Mahan;

girls are making plans for the dance to be given to the rest of the college in a few weeks. The girls hope to make a great deal of money for the athletic association at the annual ball, which is always given for the benefit of the association.

Miss Nelson, of the class of 1907, was among the successful candidates at the recent board of examinations. The Girls' Glee Club is to give its first concert during Thanksgiving week. The club promises to be a great success.

GIRLS ACCUSERS OF WEALTHY MEN

Newark Merchant Gives
\$3,000 Bond — Charged
With Serious Offense.

NEWARK, N. J., Nov. 8.—Walter G. Pross, of the big commission firm of Pross, Fish & Co., gave \$3,000 bond before Judge Yuill, in the first criminal court today, to answer charges of ill-treatment made against him by five girls—Florence Parker, aged fifteen years; Della Longhena, aged thirteen; Sarah Quinliss, aged fourteen; Katie Kelly, aged fourteen, and Mamie Fay, aged thirteen.

Nine other men are under arrest in connection with the same case. Eight of them are Harry Odenwald, commission merchant; James Turner, jeweler; Leo Purpura, confectioner, and five Italian shoemakers. They are accused not only by the girls who make the charges against Pross, but also by five others of about the same age.

Odenwald, Turner, Purpura, and the five shoemakers will be arraigned later. The police were notified by the mother of one of the girls that her daughter had been missing from home for several days, and that she believed the child was being kept in a certain house in Newark. The authorities visited the place, found the girls, and made the arrests on the strength of the stories the children told them.

Pross is a rich man, fifty-four years old, with a wife and children, stands high in business and social circles, and has long been prominent as a churchman.

MARINE BAND CONCERT AT BARRACKS MONDAY

The Marine Band will give the following program at its concert Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the Marine Barracks:

March, "Guard of Honor".....Lehnhardt
Overture, "Semiramide".....Rossini
Idyl, "Between the Downs".....Von Blon
Intermezzo, "Love's Dream".....Von Blon
Waltz, "Wiener Bonbons".....Strauss
Excerpts from "Traviata".....Verdi
Ballet de music, "Egyptian".....Luigini
(a) Allegro non troppo; (b) allegretto;
(c) andante sostenuto; (d) andante
expressivo, and finale in allegro non
troppo.
Descriptive, "A Hunting Scene".....Bicalossi
March, "Flag of Victory".....Von Blon

WOMAN SLAYER FOUND GUILTY.

NEWFANE, VT., Nov. 8.—Murder in the second degree was the verdict brought today against William Fairbanks, who has been on trial for the past four weeks for killing Mrs. Mary Page Groat, at Saxton's river. Fairbanks shot the woman in a fit of jealousy because she refused to live with him.

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